IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Li et al.

Group Art Unit: 1635

Serial No.: 10/574,129

Examiner: Bowman, Amy Hudson

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Docket No.: 180/179 PCT/US

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For:

A NOVEL siRNA-BASED APPROACH TO TARGET THE HIF-lpha FACTOR FOR GENE

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AMENDMENT A

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the Non-Final Official Action dated March 24, 2008, having an extended term for response that expires on <u>September 24, 2008</u>. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number <u>50-0426</u> in the amount of <u>\$735.00</u> to cover the 3-month extension of time fee and the additional claims fee for a small entity.

Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendment and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows: